

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 5, please delete the seventh full paragraph which starts at line 20. and replace it with the following amended one:

~~Fig. 6 is a timing chart~~Figs. 6(a) and 6(b) are timing charts showing the waveforms of the two types of output signals of the linear encoder 11.

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 and replace it with the following one:

~~Fig. 10 is a schematic diagram~~Figs. 10(a) through 10(h) are schematic diagrams for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when printing is executed using the printing method of the first embodiment.

On page 6, please delete the first full paragraph which starts at line 2 and replace it with the following one:

~~Fig. 11 is a diagram~~Figs. 11(a) through 11(c) are diagrams showing ~~an example~~examples of the print image that is obtained by executing the printing method of the first embodiment.

On page 6, please delete the third full paragraph which starts at line 7 and replace it with the following amended one:

~~Fig. 13 is a schematic diagram~~Figs. 13(a) through 13(g) are schematic diagrams for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when printing is executed using the printing method of the second embodiment.

On page 6, please delete the seventh full paragraph which starts at line 18 and replace it with the following one:

~~Fig. 17 is a schematic diagram~~Figs. 17(a) through 17(g) are schematic diagrams for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when printing is executed using the printing method of the third embodiment.